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SUBJECT: GOP INTEREST IN EXCESS RESCUE HELICOPTERS,

HOSPITALS, TUGBOATS

JOINT STATE/ DEFENSE MESSAGE

REF A. LISBON 1334

B. LISBON 1527

1. RESCUE HELICOPTERS.

A. AIR FORCE MIMEX OFFER NUMBER 119 REPORTED 144
UTILITY HELICOPTERS HH-43 F TO BECOME EXCESS NOW THROUGH
FIRST QUARTER FY 75. TWENTY- NINE OF THESE ARE LOCATED
IN EUROPE AND CURRENTLY OPERATIONAL IN RESCUE CONFIGURA-
TION. THE HH-43 F MAY ALSO BE CONFIGURED FOR FIREFIGHTING
WITH ADDITION OF SPECIAL FIREFIGHTING KIT. ACQUISITION
VALUE OF BASIC HELICOPTER IS \$286,000.

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B. PROVIDING GOP GIVES WRITTEN GUARANTEES THAT HELICOPTERS WOULD NOT BE USED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES AND THAT THEY WOULD REMAIN IN EUROPEAN PORTUGAL, WE WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE THREE OR MORE HELICOPTERS UNDER EXCESS DRAWING RIGHTS PROGRAM.

C. WHILE MOST OF ABOVE HELICOPTERS ARE SERVICEABLE, USAF RECOMMENDS RECONDITIONING, WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE AT

GOP EXPENSE. ALSO, SINCE HH-43 F IS BEING PHASED OUT OF USAF INVENTORY FUTURE LOGISTIC SUPPORT MAY BE A PROBLEM; RECOMMEND SUPPLY OF SPARE PARTS AND COMPONENTS BE ISSUED BEFORE ACQUISITION.

D. SUGGEST THAT IF GOP INTERESTED IN HELICOPTERS, ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE THROUGH CINCEUR AND CINCUSAFE FOR INSPECTION AND DECISIONS ON ACCEPTABILITY AND RECONDITIONING.

2. PACKAGED DISASTER HOSPITALS.

WHILE THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO PROVIDING HOSPITALS TO PORTUGUESE MILITARY SERVICES, FACT THAT THEY BEING TRANSFERRED UNDER MAP PROVISIONS OF FAA WOULD REQUIRE THAT WE RECEIVE USUAL ASSURANCES HOSPITALS TO REMAIN IN EUROPEAN PORTUGAL.

3. HARBOR TUGS.

IN VIEW OF OTHER CLAIMANTS FOR TUGS, DEPT. OF NAVY REQUESTS AN EARLY DECISION BY GOP IN THIS MATTER.

4. FOR USCINCEUR. REQUEST YOU PROVIDE INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE TO MAAG LISBON AS NECESSARY TO FACILITATE GOP INSPECTION AND DECISION ON HELICOPTERS LOCATED IN EUROPE. ROGERS

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